

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all previous listings or versions thereof:

1. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising Annexin V protein or an N-terminal fragment of Annexin V, or a corresponding salt thereof.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the effective amount of the Annexin V in the pharmaceutical composition is determined from a diagnostic status analysis of Annexin V-endothelium binding in said subject.
4. (Currently amended) A method of preventing plaque rupture in a subject that exhibits vulnerable plaques comprising administering to said subject a pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of an active component that binds to and stabilizes plaques consisting of Annexin V or a salt thereof, or consisting of a dimer and/or a PEG conjugate of Annexin V or salt thereof.
5. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 4, wherein the subject has systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE).
6. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a purified subfraction of pooled immunoglobulins with the capacity to inhibit antibodies binding to Annexin V, or a purified subfraction of pooled immunoglobulins with the capacity to promote binding of Annexin V to endothelium.
7. (Canceled)
8. (Withdrawn) A method of treating a subject at risk of atherothrombosis and/or plaque rupture comprising administering to said subject a pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of pooled immunoglobulins with the capacity to inhibit

antibodies binding to Annexin V or a purified subfraction of pooled immunoglobulins with the capacity to promote binding of Annexin V to endothelium.

9. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 8, wherein the subject at risk is a systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) patient.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 8, wherein said subject exhibits vulnerable plaques.
12. (Withdrawn) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 6, wherein the immunoglobulins with the capacity to promote binding of Annexin V to endothelium are antibodies that can decrease the inhibitory effect of serum with a high antiphospholipid antibody titre on the binding of Annexin V to endothelial cells, anti-aPAF antibodies, anti-IgG antibodies and/or an intravenous immunoglobulin preparation from pooled plasma.
13. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 8, wherein the immunoglobulins with the capacity to promote binding of Annexin V to endothelium are antibodies that can decrease the inhibitory effect of serum with a high antiphospholipid antibody titre on the binding of Annexin V to endothelial cells, anti-aPAF antibodies, anti-IgG antibodies and/or an intravenous immunoglobulin preparation from pooled plasma.